Allocation and Completion of Irrigation Projects

2744. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the funding of the irrigation sector with respect to total State Plan size has been declining from the Fifth Five Year Plan onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many major and medium irrigation projects are still incomplete due to this reasons with details of the projects; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to increase the allocation and completion of irrigation projects within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) and (b) The funding for the irrigation sector with respect to total State Plan size from the Fifth Plan onwards has steadily been declining as indicated below :

Period	Irrigation funding as per cent of total State Plan
Fifth Plan (1974—78)	23.25%
Sixth Plan (1980—85)	20.85%
Seventh Plan (1985—90)	11.85%
Eighth Plan (1992—97)	15.00%
Ninth Plan (1997—2002)	14.50%

(c) There are 162 major and 240 medium irrigation projects still incomplete, details of which are given in the statement. (*See* below)

(d) Besides Plan allocation, Government of India is providing Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to the State Governments to enable them to complete selected ongoing major & medium irrigation projects under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) which was launched in the year 1996-97. According to the latest funding pattern with effect from the financial year 1999-2000, the CLS is being released in 3 : 1 (Centre : State) ratio to the Special Category States comprising the North-Eastern States, hilly States of

Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim as well as Kalahanadi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa whereas, the ratio is 2 : 1 for the General Category States. So far CLA amounting to Rs. 4026.14 crore comprising Rs. 3963.43 crore for major and medium projects and Rs. 62.71 crore for minor irrigation schemes has been released to various States.

STATEMENT

Regarding "Allocation and completion of Irrigation Projects"

Number of on-going major and medium Irrigation Projects—Statewise

Sl. No.	Name of State	No of Projects		
		Major	Medium	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	20	32
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3.	Assam	4	9	13
4.	Bihar	14	29	43
5.	Goa	1	1	2
6.	Gujarat	9	9	18
7.	Haryana	5	0	5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	2
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	9	10
10.	Karnataka	14	15	29
11.	Kerala	7	5	12
12.	Madhya Pradesh	23	32	55
13.	Maharashtra	36	66	102
14.	Manipur	2	2	4
15.	Meghalaya	0	1	1
16.	Mizoram	0	0	0
17.	Nagaland	1	0	1

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Orissa	5	10	15
19.	Punjab	0	1	1
20.	Rajasthan	6	6	12
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	0	2	2
23.	Tripura	0	3	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	18	2	20
25.	West Bangal	3	17	20
	TOTAL	162	240	402

Funds Allocated for Irrigation Projects in Assam

2745. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposal pertaining to irrigation projects formulated by Government for the State of Assam during Ninth plan;

(b) the details of proposals with regards to irrigation projects submitted by State Government of Assam during the last three years and till date;

(c) the number out of them accorded sanction year-wise; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and released to the State of Assam during this period to undertake those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (d) Irrigation being a State subject, irrigation projects are investigated, planned, executed and funded by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities. The Government of Assam has submitted two medium projects, namely Deopani and Amrang projects during the last three years. Sanction of the projects is linked with the promptness with which the State Government comply with the observation of the various Central appraising agencies.

Policy for proper management of Water

†2746. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

DR. D. MASTHAN :

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.